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A

Warning to Traytors,

Or a Brief

ACCOUNT

Of the Appredenaing, Tryal, Condemnation, Behaviour and Execution of

William Diſinie late Eſq;

Who was Executed for

High-Treaſon

On *Monday the* 25.th day of *June*, 1685.

AT

Kenington Common

In the County of *Surry*.

STrange it is, that this Nation whoſe Natives for Humanity and good Nature have been accounted of, throughout the known World, ſhould ſo much degenerate in theſe latter Ages, as to produce a ſort of Men, who are ſo wedded to obſtinacy and grounded in Rebellious Principles, that no favours can oblige them to peaceable Obedience and honeſt Loyalty, nor fear of Puniſhment deter them from offending againſt the known Laws, much leſs induce them to a hearty compliance with their Duty and Allegiance to their Sovereign, though they are not in the leaſt ignorant that the Laws of God and Man, moſt ſtrictly enjoyn it; the one under the Penalty of Eternal, and the other under that of Tem-

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poral or Corporal Puniſhment, nay, ſo reſtleſs & Implacable is this *Fanatick* Generation, of Men that pretend to ſo much Zeal and Fervency; ſhrouding their Diabolical Deſigns and Treaſonable Enterprizes under the Veil of Hypocriſie, that rather than their Malice to involve us in Blood and Miſchief, ſhall be unimployed, they will chooſe to Act not only contrary to the Rules of Reaſon, but frequently contrary to the Dictates of their own Conſciences, doing thoſe things which they are Conſcious; they ought to flie and avoid, as may be obſerved in the Practice, or wicked undertaking of Mr. *Diſinie* whoſe Raſhneſs has brought him ſhame and diſgrace, in the following Manner.

This Perſon being well deſcended of Loyal Parentage, ſo far degenerated that contrary to the known Laws in which he was Practitioner, and in favour of the Rebels now in open Rebellion; He Printed, and cauſed to be Printed, a Dangerous, Malicious, and Treaſonable Libel, *&c.* To inflame, ſtir up, and incite his Majeſties Subjects to Treaſon and Rebellion; to bring which to paſs he had gotten him a Preſs and Printing materials, at his Houſe on *Lambeth* Side; but as no Plots and Devices have hitherto been capable of proſpering againſt our Gracious Sovereign, ſo this piece of wickedneſs was diſcovered e're it could be brought to the perfection intended, and immediately a Warrant delivered to one of his Majeſties Meſſengers to apprehend the Partys and Papers, who accompanied with ſome Files of Muſqueteirs, firſt beſet the Houſe, and then breaking open the Doors and runing up Stairs they found *Mr. Diſinie* in his Shirt, who at their approach cried out Thieves and Murther, but being ſecured, they found in his Breeches that (lay upon a Chair) a pair of Pocket Piſtols and a Dagger with the Sheath faſtened to the inſide of the Pocket, and proceeding farther diſcovered ſome of the Papers, as likewiſe the Printing materials which were placed in a Celler that had formerly been a Kitchen; when taking him and one who went for his Female Servant (but has ſince appeared to be his Nightly Companion) they were after due Examination and proof of the Fact Committed, and on *Monday* the 21*th.* of *June*, 1685. A ſpecial Commiſſion being iſſued out for that purpoſe, they were Arraigned at the *Marſhalſea* in *Southwark* for *High-Treaſon*, and pleading not Guilty, *Diſinie* deſired Council but was denyed as not allowable

ble in such Capital Cases, yet upon farther Request he had leave to make use of what Books he thought fit, to prepare him for his Defence, and time given him till the 25*th.* of *June*, 1685. When being brought to the Barr and the Indictment Read and opened, it appeared against him upon Oath, that he had actually Printed those Treasonable Libels, and publickly read one of them at the entertainment of some persons that came to visit him; as likewise his Intention to disperse them; together with the manner of Discovery, and finding the Libels, and printing materials, and other Circumstances so plainly Evident, that he could make little or no defence, whereupon, after a full hearing, wherein he had all the reasonable liberty imaginable to make his Objections the Jury found him Guilty of *High-Treason*, and he thereupon received Sentence, *to be drawn upon a Hurdle to the place of Execution, there to be hang'd by the Neck not till dead, but being Cut down alive, his privy members to be Cut off, his Bowels taken out and Burnt before his Face, his Head to be severed from his Body, and his Body to be divided into four quarters, and to be disposed of at his Majesties pleasure.*

After Sentence he seemed much dejected, as being conscious of so great a Crime, by which so much mischief might have happened had not a timely Discovery prevented it; and percieving the Day of Execution (the reward of his Treasons) approached, a concluding with himself that there could not be reasonably any mercy expected for so notorious a wickedness, he began seriously to bethink him of his past sins and of a future State (appearing to such as attended him) to be much concerned that he had pulled such miserie and disgrace upon himself, when he might have lived peaceably and happily had he followed his business, and much at that rate continued he till the Day, being the 29*th.* of *June*, & having taken leave of such Friends as came to pay him their last visit in the *Marshalsea* Prison, was put into a *Sledge* brought for that purpose, about Nine in the Morning, and attended with a strong Guard of the Sheriffs men and Constables, was conveyed to *Kenington Common* the place appointed for his Execution, appearing all the way much dejected, looking wistfully upon the People, and often lifting up his Hands and Eyes towards Heaven, continuing so to do, till he came to the place aforesaid

said where he was to suffer; when being taken out of the *Sledge* and put into a Cart, he prayed to himself a considerable time, and was prayed with and exhorted to consider his latter end, seeing there were but a few moments between him and Eternity; which done and the usual Devotion ended (he not in the least denying the Fact for which he suffered,) The Cart drew away; when having hang'd a considerable time he was Cut down and quarrered, *&c.* and his Quarters brought to *Newgate*, in Order to their being affixed on divers Gates of the City, *&c.* as a Monument of his Treason.

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